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## FISCAL UPDATE Article

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### **GOVERNOR'S BUDGET HEARING — IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

On November 20, 2017, Governor Kim Reynolds held a budget hearing for the Iowa Department of Workforce Development. The Department gave updates on the Department's activities over the past year. Director Beth Townsend advised the Governor that the agency's 15 field and four satellite offices provided training to approximately 64,000 Iowans in FY 2017. The Director also advised the Governor that the agency would like to increase the number of full-time equivalent positions working on the Offender Reentry Program.

The Department submitted a FY 2019 request for General Fund appropriations totaling approximately \$15.6 million. This is no change compared to estimated FY 2018. The request includes the following items:

- Labor Services Division: \$3.5 million
- Workers' Compensation Division: \$3.3 million
- Operations — Field Offices: \$7.9 million
- Offender Reentry Program: \$287,000
- 1/3 State Accounting System: \$229,000
- Employee Misclassification Program: \$430,000

The Department also submitted a request for other funds appropriations totaling approximately \$2.9 million. This is no change compared to estimated FY 2017. The request includes the following items:

- Field Offices — Special Contingency Fund: \$1.8 million
- Field Offices — Unemployment Insurance Reserve Interest: \$1.1 million
- A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy (AMOS): \$100,000

\*Numbers do not add due to rounding.

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